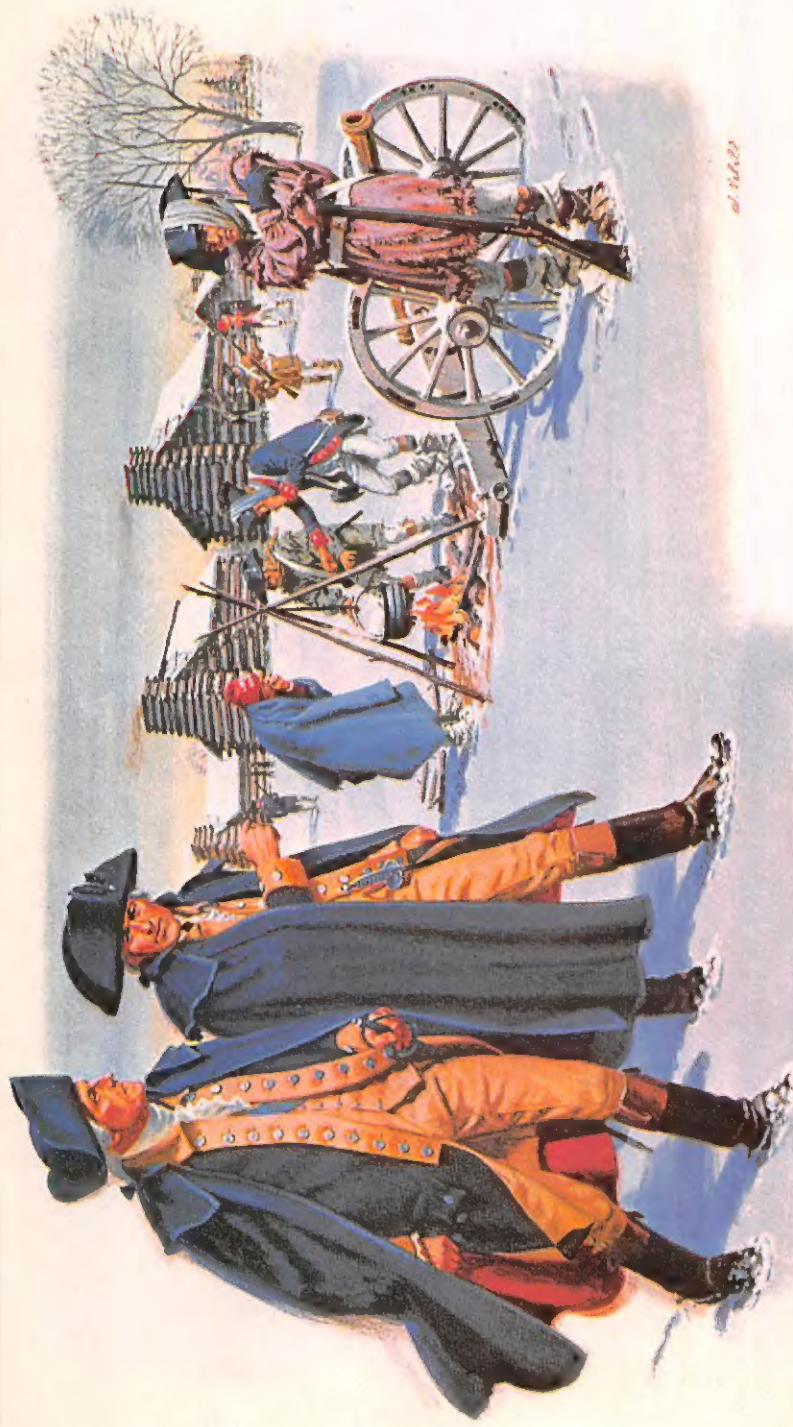


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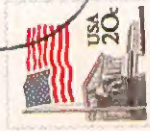


Washington at Valley Forge



The winter of 1777-1778 was the low point for General George Washington's war-weary army. On December 19, 1777, after defeats at both Brandywine and Germantown, the Continental Army arrived at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to set up winter camp. The winter was a cruel one, but Generals Washington and Von Steuben were able to inspire the ragged troops to train for their spring campaign, which would bring our nation closer to independence.

The historic U.S. mint stamp on this Panel depicts Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge. It was issued in 1977.



Valley Forge, Pennsylvania—December 19, 1777